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1. Period of Support by U. S. Army Research Office:

The U. S. Army Research Office supported our research in a series of grants beginning in September 1956 and ending in September of 1981.

The most recent grant covered the period September 25, 1978 through September 24, 1981.

This final report formally covers this last three-year period. However, in view of the very extended support of our research by the U.S. Army Research Office, and the cessation of this support after a 25-year period, it seems appropriate to cover the entire period to some extent.

This report is slightly delayed due to lack of secretarial assistance deriving from the precipitous and unexpected cessation of ARO support. Thus the report has had to be prepared in its entirety by the Principal Investigator himself.

2. Most Recent Grant Number: DAAG29-78-G-0204.

Considering the very long period of support, our records do not maintain the various grant numbers over the entire period of 25 years.

3. Title of Research Project: Our most recent title is: "Study of Photophysical Processes and Molecular Transformations of Excited States."

The title previous to this one was "A Study of Unstable Organic Species and Unusual Organic Transformations."

The first title covers the last six years of research support.

4. Personnel Supported During the Last 3 Year Period:

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at Eastman Kodak Co.

Richard Bunce (Res Asst)

Completed Ph.D., now  
Postdoctoral Fellow at Berkeley

Craig Canfield (Res Asst)

Still doing graduate study.

Paula Clausen (Secretary)

Moved to another position.

|                              |  |
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| Thomas Gannett (Res Asst)    | Completed Ph.D., now<br>at E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co.   |
| Timothy Hirzel (Res Asst)    | Completed Ph.D., now<br>at Monsanto, St. Louis               |
| Doreen Lynch (Research Asst) | Still doing graduate study.                                  |
| John Nuss (Res Asst)         | Still doing graduate study.                                  |
| Robert Pasteris (Res Asst)   | Completed Ph.D., now at<br>E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co.   |
| John Penn (Res Assistant)    | Completed Ph.D., now Postdoctoral<br>Fellow at Univ. of Utah |
| Richard Swafford (Res Asst)  | Still doing graduate study.                                  |
| Anthony Tantillo (Res Asst)  | Still doing graduate study.                                  |

5. Publications of ARO Supported Research

- a. A complete list of publications describing A.R.O. supported research is attached.
- b. Publications during the most recent, three year grant period as listed in the following. These total 17 in number.

"Stereochemistry in the Di- $\pi$ -Methane Rearrangement; Aryl Migration. Exploratory and Mechanistic Organic Photochemistry," H. E. Zimmerman, T. P. Gannett and G. E. Keck, J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 1978, 100, 323-324.

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"Regioselectivity in Cyclohexadienone Photochemistry; the Role of Zwitterions in Type A Photochemical and Dark Rearrangements. Mechanistic and Exploratory Organic Photochemistry," H. E. Zimmerman and R. J. Pasteris, J. Org. Chem., 1980, 45, 4864-4875.

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"Di- $\pi$ -Methane Hypersurfaces and Reactivity; Multiplicity and Regioselectivity; Relationship Between the Di- $\pi$ -Methane and Bicycle Rearrangements," H. E. Zimmerman and R. E. Factor, Tetrahedron, 1981, 37, Supplement 1, 125-141.

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"Evaluation of Single Photon Counting Measurements of Excited State Lifetimes," H. E. Zimmerman, J. H. Penn and C. W. Carpenter, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, scheduled for January or February.

6. Technical Details of Research During the Three Year Period.  
A comprehensive report of accomplishments was made in our recent renewal application, namely the renewal which was turned down. Additionally, detailed semiannual technical reports have been turned in.
7. General Accomplishments During the Three Year Period.  
Our research has been especially successful in adding to basic research knowledge of the photophysical and photochemical processes available to and utilized by excited state molecules.
8. Accomplishments Made Possible by the 26 Years of ARO Research Support:

Our ARO grant support began in 1956 when the Principal Investigator, Howard E. Zimmerman, was a young Assistant Professor. The impact of ARO support has been three-fold. On one hand it has contributed a number of basic and important scientific findings and chemical concepts to the field. Secondly, it has contributed to the development of the scientific recognition of the Principal Investigator. Finally, it has supported the graduate and postdoctoral studies of a large number of very highly skilled and creative students. Many of these have gone on into independent careers and are now known professionally. Thus 66 former students of Howard E. Zimmerman's former students have become professors, and an appreciably large fraction of these were supported by ARO. This has created considerable good will for ARO and its objectives.

The Principal Investigator received the 1976 James Flack Norris Award of the American Chemical Society, the 1979 Halpern Award for Photochemistry of the New York Academy of Science, and was elected in 1980 to the National Academy of Sciences. It was, indeed, ARO support which helped make this recognition possible.

Scientifically, ARO has had major impact.

Thus, even the first paper describing ARO sponsored research, Reference 10 in the complete bibliography below is now quoted as laying the groundwork for the stereochemistry of aldolization. This paper provided evidence for a six-membered transition state in aldolization, Reformatsky and related reactions.

The photochemical papers provided basic theory which allowed and catalyzed the rapid growth of photochemical research. The Principal Investigator's research group was one of the two original groups in the U.S. which initiated detailed photochemical studies. Most photochemical research now follows in these footsteps. Note the photochemical references in the complete bibliography below.

Reference in the complete bibliography describes the Möbius-Hückel Concept which has become an integral part of modern chemistry. It is to be found now in most sophomore organic chemistry textbooks.

The above are some salient examples of the results of the 26 years of ARO research.

9. General Comments About ARO Funding of Basic Research:

It is obvious that the Principal Investigator appreciates the 26 years of support of his research by ARO. This support has generated very warm feelings towards ARO also by students supported in their Ph.D. and Postdoctoral endeavors. Beyond this, fellow students supported by other means clearly developed positive feelings about ARO in the process. Many of these people now are men of international stature in research.

However, ARO's precipitous withdrawal of support from the Principal Investigator was at a time when his research has been most successful and when ARO's confidence in his efforts should have been most clearly justified. This withdrawal at a time when research funding is most difficult, caused severe hardship. While the Principal Investigator recognized the ever increased demand for relevancy, he was assured by Army researchers that relevance was not lacking in his work. Also he is a bit baffled by support of younger people of lesser stature in the same period as ARO's withdrawal. That some of this support is for photochemical research pioneered by the Principal Investigator is not too understandable.

Nevertheless, in light of the 26 years of ARO loyal support, this present comment reflects primarily bafflement. ARO's past help, encouragement, understanding and loyalty won't be forgotten.

10. Examples of the Principal Investigator's Former Students, ARO Supported and Not, Benefitting From ARO Support:

Professor Albert Padwa - Emory University. Presently a leading Organic Chemist.

Professor Harry H. Morrison - Purdue University. A leading photochemist.



Professor David I. Schuster - New York University. Also a leading photochemist.

Professor Jaques Nasielski - Head of the Chem. Dept., Univ. of Brussels and an internationally known chemist.

Professor John S. Swenton - Ohio State Univ. A leading organic chemist.

Professor Hiizu Iwamura - Institute for Molecular Science, Japan. One of the most influential younger Japanese photochemists.

Professor Gary Keck - University of Utah. Said to be the most promising and brilliant young organic chemist.

Professor Patrick S. Mariano - University of Maryland. Another of the country's most energetic and productive organic chemists.

Professor John J. McCullough - McMaster University. One of Canada's most outstanding few organic photochemists.

Professor James Pincock - Dalhousie University. A particularly energetic and brilliant young Canadian photochemist.

Professor Albert C. Pratt - Dublin. The most eminent Irish organic photochemist.

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